

**RESOLUTION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**01-R-0191**

**February 19, 2001**

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. IN THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKE CLARA MEER, LOCATED INSIDE THE HISTORIC PIEDMONT PARK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,095,314.32 PAYABLE AGAINST TWO (2) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND ACCOUNT NUMBERS AS FOLLOWS, 1C39 574001 M22I030792BC (\$694,325.26); AND 1C33 574001 M22I030792BC (\$400,989.06); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Whereas, the City of Atlanta's Piedmont Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites; and**

**Whereas, Lake Clara Meer which is situated inside of Piedmont Park is in poor condition and in need of certain improvements due to its condition which totals \$2.5 million dollars; and**

**Whereas, Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc., is raising a total of \$15 million for the overall improvement of Piedmont Park in contributions and donations; and**

**Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs desires to collaborate with the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. organization in the repair, preservation and restoration of Lake Clara Meer located inside of Piedmont Park.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**Section 1: That the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. is hereby authorized to repair, preserve and restore Lake Clara Meer inside of the Historic Piedmont Park as approved by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars.**

**Section 2: That the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is hereby authorized to participate in the repair, preservation and restoration of Lake Clara Meer inside of the Historic Piedmont Park in the amount of \$1,095,314.32 payable against two (2) General Obligation Bond Fund Account numbers as follows, 1C39 574001 M22I030792BC (\$694,325.26); and 1C33 574001 M22I030792BC (\$400,989.06).**

*Dedicated to the Preservation & Restoration of Piedmont Park*



October 5, 2000

Mr. Karl L. McCray  
Acting Commissioner  
CITY OF ATLANTA  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
City Hall East, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
675 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Karl:

Piedmont Park Conservancy is pleased to be in partnership with the city of Atlanta to restore and preserve our great urban park. As you are aware, the Conservancy has already raised millions of dollars, mostly from private sources to fund the restoration of the Visitor's center, playgrounds, and the Education Complex (the former stables and maintenance headquarters). We have spent over \$200,000 to save our beautiful park trees. We currently have three Conservancy staff members assigned to assist with park maintenance. We have purchased the American Legion building and grounds and will restore this property adjacent to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street entrance as a community center and amenity for park users. We have received federal funds to improve the pedestrian access along the park edge from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the Piedmont Driving Club. We are augmenting the city bond funds to plant trees, install benches and water fountains on Oak Hill.

We are currently conducting a \$15 million campaign to raise funds for the next phase of capital projects, which will include the restoration of Lake Clara Meer, the Front Lawn and the Active Oval (ball fields). This campaign also includes operating funds to continue such services as the park maintenance program and establishes an endowment fund. The lake project is estimated to cost \$2.5 million. Currently, \$750,000 in private funds have been designated specifically for the restoration of the lake. We request the City's assistance for the completion of this project by assigning the balance of bond funds, estimated to be \$1.8 million after the completion of the Oak Hill project, to the Lake. We also request that these funds be transferred to the Conservancy for we will be managing the construction project. According to our design team, the lake project should begin in the winter when lake activity is low. Therefore, we plan to begin the renovation in early 2001.

Atlanta's "Green Heart" is coming back to life, nurtured by this successful public/private partnership. Thank you for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,

  
Debbie McCown  
Executive Director

## PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY

### Detailed Scope of Work Lake Clara Meer

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#### PHASE I - LAKE ASSESSMENT

Review of Both Dams  
Review of existing water well  
General Overview & Watershed  
Sediment Study  
Sediment Core Analysis  
Water Quality  
Fisheries Assessment  
Fish Tissue Analysis  
Shoreline Erosion Assessment  
Aquascape Plans  
Habitat Assessment  
Meetings with PPC, COA & AC

#### PHASE II - WORKSHOP-LAKE CLARA MEER

Interviews by Thomas Walsh  
with Advisory Committee  
Preparing site analysis plans  
Preparing note cards  
Meeting with consultants in  
advance of meeting  
Meeting w/Piedmont Park  
Two day workshop  
Technical Memo

#### PHASE III - LAKE CLARA MEER DOCUMENTS

Coordination meeting  
w/consultants & PPC  
Design Layout based  
on workshop  
Sections of special areas  
Enlarged Plans  
Cost analysis  
3 Meetings with PPC & Advisory  
Group/Agreement on Oval  
Revisions to Design Layout  
Meeting with PPC & Advisory  
Group/Agreement on Lake  
Cost analysis  
Layout Keys and Note Plan  
Dimensional plan  
Detail Layout @  
1/8" Plans ( 4 sheets)  
Grading Plan  
Sub-surface plan/civil  
Architectural Plans-Gazebo (2 sheet)  
Electrical plan for architecture  
Turf and irrigation plan  
Planting Plan  
Detail Plans ( 15 sheets)  
with including civil  
Final cost estimate  
Specifications  
8 Meetings with PPC,COA & AC  
Permits for construction  
City of Atlanta Review

#### PHASE IV - LAKE CLARA MEER BIDDING PHASE

Prepare Bid package  
Meet with pre-selected contractor  
Prepare Addenda  
Meeting with PPC,COA & AC

#### PHASE V - LAKE CLARA MEER CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION PHASE

Site visits  
Review of pay request  
Review of change orders  
Review of Shop Drawings  
Meetings with PPC, COA & AC  
Punch out list for completion of project

#### PROJECT COST

• Architect	\$ 400,000
• Consultants	\$ 20,000
• Construction	<u>\$2,080,000</u>
Budget	\$2,500,000

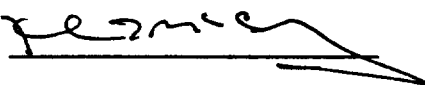
#### CONSTRUCTION TIME

- Start Construction – January 2001
- Estimated Construction Completion – December 2001

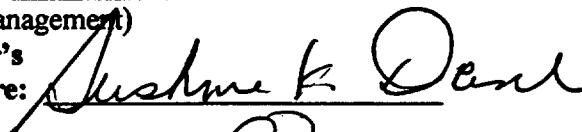
**TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION**

**TO MAYOR'S OFFICE: Gregory G. Pridgeon, Deputy Chief of Staff**  
(for review & distribution to Executive Management)

**Commissioner's  
Signature:**



**Director's  
Signature:**



**From Originating Dept.:**      Parks, Recreation  
and Cultural Affairs

**Contact (Name):** Sushma K. Dersch  
404-817-6740

**Committee(s) of Purview:**      Community Development/  
Human Resources

**Committee Deadline:** 01-29-01

**Committee Meeting Date(s):** 02-14-01

**Council Meeting Date(s):** 02-19-01

**CAPTION:** RESOLUTION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. IN THE MAKING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKE CLARA MEER, LOCATED INSIDE THE HISTORIC PIEDMONT PARK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,095,314.32 PAYABLE AGAINST TWO (2) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND ACCOUNT NUMBERS AS FOLLOWS, 1C39 574001 M22I030792BC (\$694,325.26) ; AND 1C33 574001 M22I030792BC (\$400,989.06); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:**

The City of Atlanta and the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. collaborated in the preparation of the *Master Plan for Piedmont Park*. The Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc., is in the process of raising a total of \$15 million dollars for certain improvements to be made in the Historic Piedmont Park, which includes improvements being made to Lake Clara Meer.

The estimated cost for the construction of Lake Clara Meer is \$2.5 million dollars. The cost for the design and construction documents for the Lake Clara Meer project have been paid for by the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. The City of Atlanta's participation towards this project totals \$1,095,314.32 and the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. will pay for the remainder of the cost for the improvements to Lake Clara Meer.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any):** Yes, the City of Atlanta will provide a total amount of \$1,095,314.32 towards this project and will pay against the following General Obligation Bond Fund Account Numbers, 1C39 574001 M22I030792BC (\$694,325.26) and 1C33 574001 M22I030792BC (\$400,989.06).

**MAYOR'S STAFF ONLY:**

**Received by Mayor's Office:**

1/29/01  
(date)

**Reviewed:**

  
(initials/date)

**Submitted to Council:**

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(date)

Action by Committee: ☐ Approved ☐ Adversed ☐ Held ☐ Amended  
☐ Substitute ☐ Referred ☐ Other

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